

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend claim 36, a clean version of the amended claim is provided below:

36. (amended) A system for applying electrical energy to tissue at a target site comprising:

- an electrosurgical instrument having a shaft with a proximal end, a distal end and one or more active platinum electrodes at the distal end of the shaft;
- a return electrode; and
- one or more connectors coupled to the active electrodes for connecting the active electrodes to a high frequency power supply, the high frequency power supply adapted to generate a sufficient high frequency voltage difference between one or more of the active platinum electrode and the return electrode to generate a plasma adjacent to one of the active platinum electrode while maintaining a low temperature in the active platinum electrode.

REMARKS

Currently, claims 1-36 are pending in the subject application. Claim 36 is amended herein. Support for the amendment of claim 36 may be found in the specification. Applicant believes that no new matter is added by way of this amendment.

Allowed Claims

Applicant wishes to express gratitude to the Examiner for the indication that claims 15-17 are allowed.

35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action rejected claims 1-14 and 27-35 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Office Action states that applicant discloses the steps of "positioning an active electrode adjacent to or in contact